

STORM PREPAREDNESS

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CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

CO is an invisible, odorless and tasteless gas that is very deadly.

Inhaling CO can cause fatigue, weakness, chest pains for people with heart disease, shortness of breath, stomach pain, vomiting, headaches, confusion, lack of coordination, vision problems, loss of consciousness, and in severe cases, death.

You can't see or smell CO. If you start to feel sick, dizzy or weak while using a generator, get to fresh air immediately.

Portable Generators Produce High Levels of CO Very Quickly

- Never use a generator indoors!
- Always keep portable generators or gasoline engines outside and at least 20 feet away from your home.
- Do not burn charcoal or gas grills inside a house or garage, vehicle, tent, or fireplace.

CO Alarms Save Lives

- Install battery-operated CO alarms or plug-in CO alarms with battery backup in every room of your home.
- Test your CO alarms regularly.

Florida Poison Information Center

If you suspect CO poisoning, call the Florida Poison Information Center at 1-800-222-1222. If a person has collapsed or is not breathing, call 911 immediately.

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BOIL WATER ADVISORY

Make your Water Safe, Boil It

- Once the water reaches a rolling boil, let it boil for one minute.
- Boil tap water even if it is filtered.

If Unable to Boil, Disinfect It

If tap water is CLEAR:

- Use unscented bleach (does not contain added scent).
- Add 1/8 teaspoon (8 drops or about 0.75 milliliters) of unscented household liquid bleach to 1 gallon (16 cups) of water.
- Mix well and wait 30 minutes or more before drinking.

If tap water is CLOUDY:

- Filter water using clean cloth.
- Use unscented bleach (does not contain added scent).
- Add 1/4 teaspoon (16 drops or 1.5 milliliters) of unscented household liquid bleach to 1 gallon (16 cups) of water.
- Mix well and wait 30 minutes or more before drinking.

Store water in clean, disinfected containers.

Preparing and Cooking Food

- Wash all fruits and vegetables with boiled water that has been cooled, or use bottled water.
- Use boiled or bottled water when making drinks, such as coffee and tea.
- Give pets boiled water after it has fully cooled.

Ice

- Do not use ice from ice trays, ice dispensers, or ice makers.

Bathing and Brushing Teeth

- Be careful not to swallow any water when bathing or showering.
- Brush teeth with boiled or bottled water.

Feeding Infants

It's always best to continue to breastfeed, however if that is not an option:

- Use ready-to-use baby formula, if possible.
- Prepare powdered or concentrated baby formula with bottled water only.
- Wash and sterilize bottles and nipples before use or use single-serve, ready-to-feed bottles.